



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Your Council and I have reached the half way point of our 4 year term, a perfect time to bring you up to date with what is going on here at the District office. In the first couple of years we've worked hard to build a management team that has capacity to make Port Hardy a better place. Good people make for good outcomes especially when it comes to dealing with your needs in a thoughtful, courteous and respectful manner. Real progress has been made in that area.

While we've spent time on many items that will make a positive impact on the quality of your lives going forward, two in particular come to mind.

Port Hardy has worked for some time with Telus to bring the 'Pure Fibre Network' to our area. The product represents a major technological advancement as well as economic opportunity for the area. The vast majority of all homes and businesses here will have direct access to the fastest and most reliable internet technology within the next few months. Businesses will be better able to operate locally and compete globally. Your homes will have more value to potential buyers and renters, especially those with children.

A ton of work has been done on our collective goal of making the Port Hardy Multiplex a reality. It's going to be an amazing facility designed to meet the needs of the entire North Island (go to www.porthardy.ca view the latest images and progress reports.) The major hurdle to making the facility a reality was crossed when you voted overwhelmingly to fund Port Hardy's portion of the project during our recent referendum. (Well Done!) The last big step will be to secure the matching federal / provincial funding required. Our grant writer will have our application ready to go for an opportunity that may come as early as March....then its building time!!

Going into the New Year I would like to let you know your support is appreciated and wish you and your family a cheerful and prosperous New Year.

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